

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of data transmission to a network management system, comprising ~~the steps of~~:

providing a response to be transmitted to the network management system with at least one pointer indicating the location where to find additional information; and transmitting the response to the network management system.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising ~~the steps of~~: receiving the response in the network management system; and transmitting the information on a pointer to a network management system user.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, further comprising ~~the steps of~~: receiving a request for additional information in the network management system; and opening the additional information in the location indicated by the pointer.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising ~~the steps of~~: performing a function relating to network management in a network element; and storing the information concerning the function as additional information in a predetermined location in a predetermined form.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising ~~the steps of~~: performing a function relating to network management in a network element; and storing the information concerning the function as additional information in the location determined by the network management system.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the response is an alarm transmitted to the network management system.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the pointer is an Internet address or the like, which identifies both the location and the necessary protocol.

8. (Currently Amended) A method of data transmission to a network management system, comprising ~~the steps of:~~:

providing a response to be transmitted to the network management system with at least one pointer indicating the location where to find additional information, the pointer being an Internet address or the like, which identifies both the location and the necessary protocol; and

transmitting the response to the network management system.

9. (Original) A method of data transmission to a network management system, comprising ~~the steps of:~~:

providing an alarm to be transmitted to the network management system with at least one pointer indicating the location where to find additional information, the pointer being an Internet address or the like, which identifies both the location and the necessary protocol; and

transmitting the alarm to the network management system.

10. (Currently Amended) A method of data transmission to a network management system, comprising ~~the steps of:~~:

performing a function relating to network management in a network element;

storing the information concerning the function as additional information in a predetermined location in a predetermined form;

providing a response to be transmitted to the network management system with at least one pointer indicating the location where to find the additional information, the pointer being an Internet address or the like, which identifies both the location and the necessary protocol;

transmitting the response to the network management system;

receiving a request for the additional information in the network management system; and

opening the additional information in the location indicated by the pointer.

11. (Currently Amended) A method of data transmission to a network management system, comprising ~~the steps of:~~:

performing a function relating to network management in a network element;  
storing the information concerning the function as additional information in a predetermined location in a predetermined form;  
providing a response to be transmitted to the network management system with at least one pointer indicating the location where to find the additional information;  
transmitting the response to the network management system;  
receiving a request for the additional information in the network management system;  
and  
opening the additional information in the location indicated by the pointer.

12. (Currently Amended) A method of data transmission to a network management system, comprising ~~the steps of:~~:

performing a function relating to network management in a network element;  
storing the information concerning the function as additional information in the location determined by the network management system;  
providing a response to be transmitted to the network management system with at least one pointer indicating the location where to find the additional information, the pointer being an Internet address or the like, which identifies both the location and the necessary protocol;  
transmitting the response to the network management system;  
receiving a request for the additional information in the network management system;  
and  
opening the additional information in the location indicated by the pointer.

13. (Currently Amended) A method of data transmission to a network management system, comprising ~~the steps of:~~:

performing a function relating to network management in a network element;  
storing the information concerning the function as additional information in the location determined by the network management system;  
providing a response to be transmitted to the network management system with at least one pointer indicating the location where to find the additional information;

transmitting the response to the network management system;  
receiving a request for the additional information in the network management system;  
and  
opening the additional information in the location indicated by the pointer.

14. (Original) A network element of a telecommunications network, the network element being capable to be in connection with the network management system of the telecommunications network by transmitting to the network management system at least one response provided with a pointer indicating the location where to find additional information.

15. (Original) A network element of a telecommunications network, the network element being capable to store additional information in a predetermined location and to be in connection with the network management system of the telecommunications network by transmitting to the network management system at least one response provided with a pointer indicating the location where to find the additional information.

16. (Original) A network element of a telecommunications network, the network element being capable to store additional information in a predetermined form and to be in connection with the network management system of the telecommunications network by transmitting to the network management system at least one response provided with a pointer indicating the location where to find the additional information.

17. (Original) A network management system of a telecommunications network, the network management system being capable to receive responses from network elements of the telecommunications network and to identify a pointer in a response, the pointer indicating where to find additional information.

18. (Original) The network management system of claim 17, wherein the network management system is adapted to open the additional information in the location indicated by the pointer in response to a received request for the additional information.

19. (Original) The network management system of claim 17, wherein the network management system is adapted to identify the pointer in the response, if it is an Internet address or the like which identifies both the location and the required protocol.

20. (Original) A network management system of a telecommunications network, the network management system being capable to receive responses from network elements of the telecommunications network; to identify a pointer in a response, the pointer indicating where to find additional information; and to open the additional information in the location indicated by the pointer in response to a received request for the additional information.

21. (Original) A network management system of a telecommunications network, the network management system being capable to receive responses from network elements of the telecommunications network and to identify a pointer in a response, the pointer indicating where to find additional information if the pointer is an Internet address or the like which identifies both the location and the required protocol.

22. (New) A computer program for a telecommunications network, comprising program code means stored on a computer readable medium, wherein the computer program product comprises a routine for performing the function of a network element as claimed in claim 14.

23. (New) A computer program product for a telecommunications network, comprising program code means stored on a computer readable medium, wherein the computer program product comprises a routine for performing the function of a network management system as claimed in claim 17.